**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**December 1, 2020**

**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting will use the Microsoft Teams platform:**

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**Task Force Members Present:** Teddy Bekele, Yvonne Cariveau, Nolan Cauthen, Dale Cook, Steve Fenske, Steve Giorgi, Jason Hollinday, Marc Johnson, Bernadine Joselyn, Brian Krambeer, Micah Myers, Theresa Sunde, Jim Weikum, Paul Weirtz, and Dave Wolf

**Others in Attendance:** Chuck Ackman, Dana Bailey, Sonya Borgeson-Bethke, Anna Boroff, Deven Bowdry, Zachary Cairns, Angie Dickison, Amanda Duerr, Brian Frederick, Jen Frost, Patrick Haggerty, Steve Howard, Kaylee Kruschke, Daniel Lightfoot, Dan Lipschultz, Cassie Lovelle, Bree Maki, Tony Mendoza, Joyce Peppin, Ida Rukavina, Jessica Schatz, Eileen Smith, Ann Treacy, Diane Wells, Melissa Wolf, Nathan Zacharias and a few unidentified participants by phone.

1. **Welcome, Task Force Introductions, Meeting Overview**

Chair Bekele went over the agenda for the meeting. Roll call was taken.

1. **Review of Draft Report: Minnesota Model Subgroup**

The Task Force reviewed and discussed the section of the draft annual report prepared by the Minnesota Model subgroup.

1. **Discussion of Electric Cooperative Easements for Broadband**

On behalf of the Minnesota Rural Electric Association, Dan Lipschultz provided an overview of a legislative initiative to allow use of existing electric easements for broadband. A copy of his presentation is available here: [MREA Presentation](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/mrea-presentation-1dec20_tcm1045-457000.pptx) Tony Mendoza, for the Minnesota Cable Communications Association, then provided a response. A copy of the MCCA presentation is available here: [MCCA Presentation](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/mcca-presentation-1dec2020_tcm1045-457001.pdf) Both Mr. Lipschultz and Mr. Mendoza responded to questions from Task Force members.

1. **Review of Draft Report: Barriers and Technology Subgroup**

The Task Force reviewed and discussed the section of the draft annual report prepared by the Barriers and Technology subgroup.

1. **Other Business, Meeting Plans, Wrap-up**

The Task Force will schedule an additional meeting to review and discuss the Economic Development and Digital Inclusion subgroup section.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.